

REMARKS

The Office Action dated October 16, 2006 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 7, 11, and 18 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. New claims 20-23 have been added. No new matter has been added.

The Office Action of October 16, 2006 presented an election of species requirement, requiring election between one of the following two species of the invention:

Species I, recited in claims 1-6, 8, 9, 12-14, 16, 17, and 19 drawn to an embodiment illustrated by Figures 1 and 2; and

Species II, recited in claims 7, 10, 11, 15, and 18, drawn to an embodiment illustrated by Figure 3.

Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the subject matter of Species II, recited in claims 7, 10, 11, 15 and 18, drawn to Figure 3. In addition, Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 20-23 are readable upon Species II. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request consideration of claims 7, 10, 11, 15, 18, and 20-23.

Applicants therefore respectfully request timely consideration on the merits.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims

at any point prior to the termination of the proceedings in the subject application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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